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Safety "Hot Topic" Sheet

Personal Responsibility in Emergency Vehicle Response Safety

Each fire service professional is responsible for making sure that:

- Persons who operate emergency vehicles shall be trained and prepared prior to engaging in any emergency response.
- Apparatus operators must ensure that the apparatus and equipment is in a state of readiness at all times.
- Apparatus operators and Officers must identify proper, safe and efficient routes to the incident prior to the apparatus leaving the station.
- Before the apparatus moves, all personnel are seated and belted and will remain so until the apparatus stops.
 - **Do not exit the apparatus until it is positioned safely and you can identify traffic hazards outside of the cab.**
- The apparatus operator shall operate the vehicle knowing that the lives of all persons on the apparatus and in personal vehicles on the roadway depend on their ability to safely operate the vehicle.
- The Officer shall supervise the operator at all times during the response and take corrective actions as needed.
- Remember the conditions that require apparatus to come to a stop, and actually come to a stop where you are supposed to.

- SLOW DOWN – BE PREPARED TO REACT – WEAR SEATBELTS –
TREAT EVERY RESPONSE THE SAME -

